GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1666
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2002
FRATERNITY REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICES TO HIGH COURTS
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is a large scale dissatisfaction among the legal fraternity regarding the appointment of Chief Justices to High Courts from outside the States concerned;

(b) it so, whether the Government consider restoring the earlier practices of appointing the senior most judge of a High Court as its Chief Justice; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY):

(a) A view has been expressed that the policy of having the Chief Justice from outside the States had been counter-productive and the Chief Justice should normally not be appointed from outside the States.

(b) and (c) No Sir. There is no such proposal at present.